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Spc. Adam Nuelken

An M2 Bradley fighting vehicle leads a squad of infantrymen from B Co., 3-15th Inf. during training held Jan. 15.

## 3-15 takes fight to the city

**Spc. Adam Nuelken**  
3ID (M) PAO

Before infantry soldiers can charge into a city or village to engage an enemy, there are certain fundamentals and preliminary training they must undergo.

This training culminated for soldiers from B Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry in a live-fire training exercise that consisted of dismounted infantry, mortars, snipers, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and M1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks.

"The soldiers did two weeks of company preliminary training before they came here. This location is a seven-day

process. After they go through their preliminary training, they go through the fundamentals, the doctrine, the tactics and the techniques of urban warfare," said Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty, commander of the 3-15 Inf. "We put them through all kinds of problems to ensure they are able to operate in an urban environment."

The infantry concluded this training with a night live-fire Military Operations in Urban Terrain training exercise.

To begin the mission, snipers fired on personnel targets while engineers moved forward to breach concertina wire. Once the wire was breached, the infantry pushed forward and began

clearing rooms. Then, the engineers brought in a bulldozer to clear the main road for the mortar platoon, Bradleys and finally tanks.

"We did a complex live-fire MOUT assault with the boss elements from dismounted infantry clearing rooms and buildings to snipers engaging threat targets to tanks to Bradleys to mortars doing direct-lay hip shoots with live tank rounds," said Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Gallagher, command sergeant major for 3-15 Inf. "They performed well above my expectations. They are awesome – I wish I was that good 15 years

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## Perspectives

I spent my annual training at Fort Stewart, in '86, '87, with the 2-121 Inf. (Mech.), 48th Inf. Brigade at Quitman, Ga., and '88, '89, '90 and '91 with D Company, 560th Engineer Battalion at Thomasville, Ga. To the men and women in the 3rd may God speed you all home alive. I wish I were able to go too.

Sgt. Frank Oliver (Ret.)

To all the professionals of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), Rock of the Marne. I was in the 3rd in 1967 stationed in Kitzengen, Germany. I wish all of you the best – remember our motto and also the reason we defend our country; to protect and serve our freedom. You have what it takes. My prayers will be with you.

Roger Cormier

I wanted to send off a quick message to all the men and women of the 3rd Inf. Div. to let you know that we thank you all for your courage and sacrifice. Thank You.

Richard, Vickye, Ryan, Jeremy, and Justin Lowry

As a former 24th Inf. Div., Fort Stewart soldier, who served in Desert Storm, I

wish you all the best of luck and a speedy return. I'm sure there are still troops that I knew serving with Fort Stewart, and I pray for you and your families. God Bless.

Jeffrey Bodurka  
Bergenfield, N.J.

(Editor's Note: Home station support from Fort Stewart/HAAF website.)

## Forward Voices

*If you had an opportunity to speak with the military supporters back home, what would you say?*



*"Thanks. It's a big morale booster, especially for the single soldiers. Keep it coming."*

**2nd Lt. Rebecca Elliott**  
3rd MP Co.  
Clemson, S.C.



*"Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. Please continue this throughout the ordeal, so that we may all come home and rejoin our families and loved ones."*

**Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Reid**  
92nd Chem. Co.  
Chicago, Ill.



*"Their thoughts are greatly appreciated, and we would like to thank all the children who sent Christmas cards to any soldier/ airman."*

**Air Force Tech Sgt. Keith Menke**  
15th ASOS  
Lake Geneva, Wis.



*"It's good to know that people back home still care and think about the sacrifices that soldiers make for their country day in and day out."*

**Spc. Richard Bowen**  
HHC 123rd Sig. Bn.  
Greensboro, N.C.

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# ACE in the hole ...

## Engineers move mountains together

**Spc. Katherine Robinson**  
50th PAD

Battles are not fought with bullets alone. Before the tanks roll out, before and during the fight, combat engineers are on the battlefield, manipulating the terrain to create an advantage.

Among the many vehicles the engineers use is the M9 Armored Combat Earthmover. The M9 ACE is used to breach anti-tank ditches and berms as well as dig fighting positions for tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

"The M9 ACE is a very hard vehicle to keep fully mission-capable," said Capt. Christopher Young, the 10<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion maintenance officer from Carlisle, Pa. "There are probably about 30 checks that we do."

Young explained that the mechanics and the ACE operators both perform checks and maintenance on the vehicles, on different levels.

Since the battalion landed in Kuwait, the soldiers have been doing annual checks on the vehicles, fixing and preventing problems, as well as changing the tracks on all of the ACEs.

Since many of the ACE operator's are new to the battalion, Young said this is an opportunity to train them on keeping their vehicles well maintained. "Right now we're in the learning phase. We're teaching the operators how to (maintain) their equipment, how to take care of it. As far as the mechanics are concerned, they're very competent; we're trying to pass that knowledge on to the operators."

If properly operated and kept maintained, the M9 ACE can be a very effective tool in the engineers' arsenal, said Spc. Victor Planetta, a mechanic with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 10<sup>th</sup> Eng. Bn. The Baton Rouge, La. native said the operators and mechanics have to be able to communicate well with each other.

"I constantly talk to the operators, asking them how their vehicles are operating, what problems they're having, so I'd say we have a pretty good rapport with each other," he said.

Spc. Barry L. Shaffer III, a Tacoma, Wash., native, is one of the relatively new operators in D Company. He said driving an ACE and digging is a lot of work, but he enjoys it. "I love being an operator," he said, despite the large amount of maintenance the vehicles require.

Aside from doing operator-level maintenance, Shaffer has to work closely with the mechanics, learning the ins and outs of their job.

"Whenever I'm working on an ACE, I try to have the



Spc. Katherine Robinson

**Cpl. Steven Baldwin, a Dallas Texas native with D Company, works on changing the track of an M9 Armored Combat Earthmover. Baldwin is an ACE operator.**

operator right there so I can show him every step of everything I do," Planetta said. "It's not always going to be as simple as telling me or another mechanic what the problem is – they're going to have to get in there and they're going to have to fix it themselves. We're not always going to be around."

Shaffer agreed. "We do what they say ... It's a common sense thing. It's your vehicle, you need to learn it, so when the mechanics are down there, you have to be proactive. They're not going to be there on the battlefield."

"We always have to be around when they're working on the vehicles. They're not the operators, they just know the mechanics side, they don't know the touchy-feely stuff we know. It's a good relationship."

Planetta said he places his full confidence in the operator's training. "And my fellow mechanics are outstanding. I couldn't hope for a better team."



# Signal soldiers keep coms open

**Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke**  
Editor

Whether it's providing a means for soldiers to call home on the morale line, or maintaining communications for the decision makers, soldiers of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Signal Battalion ensure that the lines of communication are kept open for deployed soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.).

Although each element of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Sig. has its own specific responsibilities, D Company's mission is somewhat unique in comparison to the battalion's other companies, according to Capt. Ron H. Cohen, D company commander.

"Our (battalion's) mission is to provide that vital communications link throughout the division so that they have good support," he said. "Without the mobile subscriber equipment links that we bring in, you're not going to have voice communications with the digital nonsecure voice terminals – the green phones you see. You're also not going to have that data pipe that is used



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

**Hill, left, and Staff Sgt. Patrick Carter, a senior satellite operator from Kinston, N.C., work together to ensure the satellite is properly grounded.**

for the tactical web and Internet. All those other comfort features that you have back in garrison, that's what 123<sup>rd</sup> and G-6 provides for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

"But D Company's a little bit different than the other line companies. We're a support company – we have tactical satellites and enhanced position locating systems that are sliced away from the company," Cohen explained.

But one of the most significant components of D Company is its newest addition, a 20-foot satellite dish. Used by tactical satellite teams to transmit and receive signals to multiple satellites over a 22,500-mile range, the dish outshines its predecessor by a long shot, Cohen said.

"The 20-foot dish allows us to put out a superior bandwidth-to-power ratio, which makes a smaller footprint for the enemy to see," he said.

Cohen went on to explain that in comparison to the smaller eight-foot dish that his unit used, the 20-foot dish produces a lower radio frequency, making it more difficult for enemy intelligence to detect the signal.

Setting up the satellite requires pre-

cision to make sure its signal is lined up with the receiving satellite, according to Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kevin Crawford, a platoon sergeant with D Company.

"Basically, we come out, shoot an azimuth and make sure we're on point and then we erect the antenna, lay out the power systems, set up the vans and program all of our equipment so we can access the (receiving) satellite," he explained.

The procedure can take a few hours, but after having numerous opportunities to practice, the soldiers have been able to cut the time down, Crawford said.

"Roughly, if you count everything including the power systems, it takes about two and a half to three hours to set everything up. As the crews get better, the time goes down, you can actually set it up in about two hours," he explained.

Spc. Timothy Gonzalez, a satellite systems senior operator, said he likes the 20-foot dish because of the increased power output.

"It will help the division a lot better because it's a lot easier to maintain than an eight-foot dish, which can fall apart to pieces," he said.



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

**Pfc. Jesse Hill, a satellite communications operator from Wenatchee, Wash. reaches for the feed horn during the assembly of a 20-foot satellite dish.**



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

"We're combat effective and ready," said Spc. Jarvis McNeill, an HHC 3-15 Inf. Bn. fuel specialist from Sanford, N.C.

## Running on empty ...

***Petroleum supply soldiers fight more than empty tanks***



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

McNeill, fills a HMMWV at Camp New York Jan. 23.

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**  
50th PAD

We've all either done it or know someone who's done it. Maybe you were a broke high school student trying to coast home on fumes, or you were driving across the Texas panhandle at 3 a.m. – whatever the reason, running out of gas in the civilian world is normally just an annoyance, not a life or death situation.

But out here in Kuwait, with war on the horizon, gas and diesel fuel take on a new importance. And the soldiers who supply that fuel deserve a second look.

"Fuelers are like mechanics; the battle would stop without them," said Pfc. Sylvester Stenson, from Lake Wales, Fla., Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry communications specialist.

Like many support specialties in the military, fuelers face the perception of not being hardcore because they're not Infantry. But can you think of a bigger target on the battlefield? There's more to being a petroleum supply specialist than just pumping gas. When the line

units go into battle, the fuelers, many of whom cross train in ammunition, go with them, according to Spc. Jarvis McNeill, from Sanford, N.C., HHC, 3-15.

"We're combat effective and ready just as much as anyone else," he said. "(Battle) will be scary and exciting for us at the same time. Every fueler will be afraid of getting blown up. I'm going to pray – ask God to watch over me and keep me safe. This is just the job. It has its positives and negatives."

Life in the camps is an adjustment for fuelers, just like it is for all deployed soldiers. They're handling it well though, according to Staff Sgt. Anthony Haynes, from Jacksonville, Fla., HHC, 3-15 section sergeant.

"The morale is high. It's dangerous out here, but we try not to think about it," he said. "We take trips to Camp Doha and play card games within the platoon. We have football games between the sections – it gives them something to look forward to besides PT."

Haynes and his fellow section sergeant, Staff Sgt. King Pryer, from Jack-

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# Urban warfare



Spc. Adam Nuelken

(Above) Combat Engineers from the 10th Engineer Battalion, use a grapple hook to pull back concertina wire. The engineers would then cut the wire to allow the infantry to pass.

(Left) Spc. Reynold McFarland, a Fayetteville, N.C. native and radio operator for B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, provides cover during the battalion's night Military Operations in Urban Terrain Training.

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ago."

Before the soldiers move on to the live-fire exercises, they learn how to perform reflexive shooting, which requires multiple rehearsals.

"The fundamentals are key because if you don't start with the fundamentals, you're not going to get it right. Then you add the tactics and techniques and keep drilling until they get it right," Twitty added. "That's why they spend seven days here, constantly drilling both day and night."

The added training also helps build teamwork and needed faith in leadership.

If the soldiers didn't work together, "the unit would fall apart," Gallagher said. "Especially in urban terrain where you've got small groups spread out – without the ability to see one another and small buildings, they're gonna' lose confidence and they'll stop working. They won't function as a team."

The training with the different teams and equipment adds certain realism to the training that soldiers don't always get.

"I like it; it's good to get everyone out working to-

gether," explained Pfc. Chris Hopkins, Bradley driver for B Company, 3-15 Inf. from Newton, Ks. "It makes it better because a lot of times the mounted and dismounted (infantry) don't get to work together. I think it builds teamwork. It does a good job (of preparing us) because we're out here using live rounds and everyone is working together."

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount, Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) agreed, telling the soldiers he was proud of their progress.

"You all are learning a lot and being able to integrate your live-fire with all your systems here is incredible. We don't know when we will have to do this for real, so keep the focus, keep the intensity that you all have now."

The soldiers from B Co., 3-15 Inf. finished the preliminary MOUT training Jan. 15.

The next stage for the soldiers is to continue their MOUT training at a Kuwaiti quarry.

"We will spend seven days (at that site). What they will get there is the ability to operate in multiple stories," Twitty said.

"They will have to figure out how to clear sub terrain stories, like basements, sewers and tunnels. They've got to figure out how to clear stairways, and there are a lot more buildings there than what you see here."

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Infantrymen fr  
night Military



Spc. Adam Nuelken

ander on an M113 armored personnel carrier mans his .50 caliber machine gun as his vehicle moves through the town.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

om B Co., 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. run past an M1A1 Abrams during the Operations in Urban Terrain live-fire exercise Jan. 15.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

An infantryman with B Co., 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. darts through a breach in concertina wire.



# RSOI: Smoothing the transition from airport to mission

**Sgt. Craig Zentkovich**  
Associate Editor

As the number of soldiers deploying to Kuwait increases, so does the need for a smooth transition from the airport to the many camps located throughout the country.

The reception, staging, onward movement and integration program at Camp Doha provides units a hassle-free and convenient one-stop-shopping approach to drawing vehicles and various other pieces of equipment before moving on to their respective camps.

A combined effort through the Exercise Support Branch and Army Material Command, RSOI ensure units and their soldiers are receiving quality vehicles and equipment in a timely manner, said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Keith Jerik, quality assurance inspector for AMC.

Prior to the soldiers arriving at the draw yard, contractors receive the modified table of organization and equipment that a unit is authorized, and puts it on the line where it is inspected by a qual-

ity assurance team.

"If there is a problem with equipment or maintenance, we deal with it on the spot," Jerik said. "Any discrepancies are handed to the contractors and repairs are made. If we can't fix the equipment, we'll replace the equipment."

Once the soldiers touch down in Kuwait City, they're transported by bus to the draw yard at Camp Doha.

Upon arrival, they receive an in brief, link up with a "line boss," and move to their equipment.

"The line bosses coordinate with their specific, assigned unit and issue the prescribed equipment," he said. "Then the units themselves do an operator level PMCS on the equipment."

During operator level PMCS, the line bosses supervise the soldiers, as well as contracted third country nationals, to ensure the equipment is fully mission capable.

"(Third country nationals) really add a boost to operations," said Robert Gardiner, supervisor of the supply and services division of the ESB. "They're



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

**Pfc. Chang Shi, a San Francisco native with C Troop, 3-7 Cav., fuels an M1A1 Abrams tank prior to departing Camp Doha's equipment issuing facility Thursday.**

respectful, hard working people who are the backbone of this operation."

Once the unit's equipment has been checked and loaded, they proceed by convoy to their pre-designated camp.

Units are given six hours from the time they received their in brief to complete draw yard operations and move out.

"(The transition) has been really smooth," said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jessie J. Williams, the general supply office non-commissioned officer in charge for HHC DISCOM.

"Everything was laid out for us when we got here. All we had to do was fall in on our equipment."

Williams, a Union Springs, Ala., native, has nothing but praise for the RSOI operations at Camp Doha. "The civilians and army here are doing everything they can to make our move as painless as possible. The operation is wonderfully orchestrated."



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

**Spc. Randal J. Edmondson, B Troop, 3-7 Cav., from Dallas, Texas, installs fittings for an equipment rack on an M1A1 Abrams tank.**



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son, Miss., HHC, 3-15, said they try to be big brothers to their soldiers, many of whom are away from home for the first time.

"We want them to have trust in their equipment and leadership," Pryer said. "They were down around the holidays, but we brought the New Year in together. We stayed up all night talking about home, singing and trying to make our bond stronger. We're a real close group."

The fuelers are realistic about the dangers they may face in battle and

***"This is a new, challenging experience. It's exciting to be a part of history."***

*Spc. Jarvis McNeill  
HHC, 3-15 Inf.*

think about what matters to them most to get them through the hard times out here, according to Pvt. 2 Johnnell Brown, from Charleston, S.C., HHC, 3-

15, "I have mixed feelings of excitement and fear – knowing you're ready, and because you're ready, you're able to stay calm. I think about my family and know I have to go home."

According to Haynes, his soldiers are in the same mindset as most of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.).

"They're eager, well trained and ready to go and accomplish any mission," he said.

McNeill agreed, "This is a new, challenging experience. It's exciting to be a part of history."



Spc. Jacob Boyer

## Free and Clear

Practicing proper clearing procedures is important because of the danger of accidental discharge. When soldiers enter any of the camps, they should follow the following procedures.

- Take magazine out of weapon
- Hand magazine to combat buddy
- Pull slide or charging handle back two times.
- Pull slide or charging handle back third time, look to see if chamber is clear. Lock to rear and insert finger into magazine well. Insure no rounds are in the chamber.
- Combat buddy inspects and says all clear.
- Let slide or charging handle go forward.
- Place barrel of weapon in slot.
- Place weapon on safe.



# Spiritual Fitness

## Ashes of defeat or seeds of growth

**Chap. (Lt. Col.) Roger Heath**  
Division Chaplain

Thomas Edison is considered one of our country's greatest inventors. His inventions and creations were numerous. Consider the light bulb, the telephone, and the telegraph, just to name a few.

He did not have everything go his way however. He continuously had to take the failings of his experiments and turn them into success. The light bulb was a process of hundreds of failed experiments. There were other challenges, however.

On the night of December 9, 1914, Edison Industries was destroyed by fire. The loss exceeded two million dollars. Because the building was constructed of concrete, it was believed at the time to be fireproof and was grossly underinsured. At age 67, Edison watched his life's

work reduced to ashes. This tragedy would have devastated most men. How could one respond to this devastation?

The following day the fire was brought under control. As he walked over the rubble Edison said, *"There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew."* Three weeks later, Edison Industries produced the first phonograph.

Every setback has the seeds of future success. Such successes are not automatic, however. Our seeds must be fertilized with hope, faith and often, hard work. How we respond to disaster determines how we respond to life. It isn't a matter of if a setback will occur; it's a matter of when it will happen.

Robert Schuller, the pastor of Crystal Cathedral once said, "Tough times don't last,

tough people do." What a great concept to live by. A take on that could be "Tough Deployments Don't Last, Tough Soldiers Do."

As we share the cramped showers, crowded tents, sand storms and constantly changing desert weather, we must keep in mind that it will someday end. We will do the missions assigned to us and then go home.

The mission will be tough, but not as tough as the soldiers. The deployment will be tough, but not as tough as our bond. During these times we must become like the title of the famous book, "A Band of Brothers."

Each experience good and bad makes us stronger. Should disaster strike, the ultimate outcome is we grow in our faith walk. Those who have this perspective can look at the ashes and see the seeds of future growth.

## What's happenin'

### Camp New York

**DFAC** - 7-9 a.m. breakfast  
5-7 p.m. dinner  
7-10 p.m. Grab n' go  
**Snack Bar** - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**PX** - 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Barber Shop** - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Alterations** - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**MWR** - 24 hours  
**Gym** - 24 hours  
**DSN/ATT/Internet** - 24 hours

### Camp Pennsylvania

**DFAC** - 7-9 a.m. breakfast  
5-7 p.m. dinner  
7-10 p.m. Grab n' go  
**PX** - 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Barber Shop** - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**MWR** - 9 a.m. - midnight  
**Gym** - 7 a.m. - midnight  
**DSN/ATT/Internet** - Coming soon

### Camp Udairi

**Gym** - 24 hours  
**DSN** - 6 p.m. - 9 a.m.

### Camp Virginia

**DFAC** - 7 - 9 a.m. breakfast  
5 - 7 p.m. dinner  
**PX** - 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Barber Shop** - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Snack Shop** -  
**MWR** - 24 hours  
**Gym** - 24 hours  
**DSN/ATT/Internet** - 24 hours

### Camp New Jersey

**DFAC** - 6 - 9 a.m. breakfast  
5 - 7 p.m. dinner  
8 - 10 p.m. - Grab n' go  
**PX** - 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Barber Shop** - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**MWR** - 24 hours  
**Gym** - 24 hours  
**DSN/ATT/Internet** - 24 hours

## Worship Schedule

### Camp New York

**Sun.** - 9 a.m. Catholic Mass  
10 a.m. Protestant service  
1 p.m. Latter Day Saints  
**Tues.** - 7:30 p.m. Latter Day Saints Institutes  
**Wed.** - 7 p.m. Bible study  
**Thurs.** - 7 p.m. Gospel Congregational Bible study  
**Fri.** - 7 p.m. Officer's Christian Fellowship

**Sat.** - 7 p.m. Gospel Congregational Choir rehearsal

### Camp Pennsylvania

**Sat.** - 7 p.m. Catholic Mass  
**Sun.** - 11 a.m., 2 p.m. Protestant service

### Camp Virginia

**Sat.** - 4 p.m. Catholic Mass  
**Sun.** - 11 a.m. Gospel service  
11 a.m. Protestant service  
(1/39 Armor area)  
**Thurs.** - Latter Day Saints service

**Fri.** - 12 p.m. Islam prayer time  
6 p.m. - Jewish prayer time

### Camp New Jersey

**Sun.** - 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion service  
11:00 Protestant service  
1 p.m. Gospel service  
3 p.m. Catholic Mass  
7 p.m. Contemporary Christian service  
**Mon.** - 7 p.m. Bible study

**Tues.** - 7 p.m. Bible study  
**Wed.** - 7 p.m. Mid-week protestant  
**Thur.** - 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal  
7 p.m. Bible study  
**Fri.** - 9 a.m. Latter Day Saints service  
1 p.m. Muslim service  
7 p.m. Bible study  
12 p.m. 1-30th Bible study  
**Camp Udairi**  
**Sun.** - 9 a.m. Protestant service  
12 p.m. Catholic Mass

# GLOBAL NEWS



## Koreas agree to peaceful nuke resolution

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea agreed Jan. 24 to work with South Korea to peacefully resolve the international standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear programs, as U.S. envoys stepped up diplomatic efforts elsewhere.

In the declaration, the two sides said they had "sufficiently exchanged" positions on the nuclear issue and "agreed to actively cooperate to resolve this issue peacefully."



## Bush will promise to accomplish nation's "grand purposes" in State of Union

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush is taking his thick Sharpie pen to the first draft of his State of the Union address, determined to justify potential war with Iraq while outlining a domestic policy agenda geared toward re-election.

The Jan. 28 address to Congress will include a fairly even mix of foreign and domestic policies, aides said in previewing a speech that will tie the two themes together with a pledge to accomplish "the grand purposes" of a

## Kuwaiti confesses to killing American

(AP) - A Kuwaiti civil servant confessed to opening fire on two Americans in Kuwait, killing one and wounding the other, and authorities have found the weapon he used, the Interior Ministry said Jan. 23.

A Kuwaiti security officer said the suspect, Sami al-Mutairi, 25, was not working alone. The Interior Ministry said he acknowledged following the ideals of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network. Al-Mutairi was arrested at the border in Saudi Arabia as he tried to flee and was extradited to Kuwait, the ministry said. His weapon and some ammunition was found at his workplace, according to the statement.

The recent attacks are an indication that the anti-American sentiment common in the Arab world, is felt even in Kuwait.

nation at war, its economy stalled.

"The president believes that State of the Unions should be about big things," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. "This State of the Union will describe his vision of what role the United States should play in the world, how to bring help to the American people who need help and compassion, and how to strengthen the economy," Fleischer said.

Aides said the president intends to tout his 10-year, \$640 billion tax package along with other domestic policies: Medicare reform; prescription drug coverage, health care for the uninsured, Social Security and legal reform and a new set of initiatives designed to get religious groups more access to federal community services money.

White House political advisers see the faith-based programs as a way to bolster his support among minority leaders, because churches in their communities would benefit from federal money.



## Looming conflict stops some PCS moves

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) - A limited number of active-duty soldiers will not be changing duty stations to maintain unit readiness in case called upon to support a possible conflict.

The Army released a "stop-movement" order, which suspends permanent-change-of-station orders for soldiers in designated units, officials said. This movement does not

apply to the entire Army, officials added.

Soldiers who are retiring or just leaving the service will not be prohibited. Officers with orders to PCS or go on temporary duty between March 1 and May 31 will be postponed for 90 days, states MILPER message 03-074 released Jan. 22. Officers moving to fill central selection list commands will move as scheduled, and those on orders to pre-command courses may defer their attendance. Enlisted soldiers with assignment orders for Feb. 28 and earlier will proceed to the school or new duty station.

Report dates for schooling or PCS moves on March 1 or later will be revoked for soldiers in affected units, the message states.

All exceptions to policy will be submitted to the Personnel Command for approval, officials said.



# Marne Scoreboard

## NFL

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Tampa Bay 27, Philadelphia 10

## NBA

### Jan. 20

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Detroit 88, Indiana 78  
New Orleans 114, Phoenix 102  
San Antonio 87, Houston 82  
Sacramento 102, Golden State 80  
Portland 99, Memphis 87  
Minnesota 89, Toronto 81  
Boston 100, Philadelphia 99  
Utah 106, New Jersey 103  
LA Lakers 96, LA Clippers 92

### Jan. 21

Orlando 103, Cleveland 94  
Dallas 107, Houston 86  
Sacramento 109, New Jersey 102

### Jan. 22

Milwaukee 106, Boston 97  
Orlando 94, Chicago 91  
Indiana 101, Toronto 98  
Portland 112, Atlanta 110  
Miami 92, Phoenix 85  
New York 97, Denver 88  
Philadelphia 92, Detroit 83  
Minnesota 96, Seattle 91  
Memphis 98, San Antonio 93  
New Orleans 103, Washington 94  
LA Clippers 96, Utah 89  
Golden State 114, LA Lakers 110

### Thursday

Dallas 107, Philadelphia 94

Sacramento 104, Memphis 98  
Golden State 105, New Jersey 97

### Friday

Dallas 101, New York 90  
Phoenix 110, Orlando 107  
Seattle 93, Indiana 80  
Boston 77, Denver 58  
Atlanta 115, Sacramento 104  
Minnesota 88, LA Clippers 85  
Chicago 104, Washington 97  
Portland 97, New Orleans 96  
Detroit 98, Houston 74  
San Antonio 91, Utah 90  
New Jersey 89, LA Lakers 83

## NHL

### Jan. 20

Washington 3, Boston 3  
Minnesota 2, Anaheim 1 (OT)  
Montreal 3, Florida 2  
St. Louis 5, Carolina 3  
Tampa Bay 6, Ottawa 2  
Columbus 5, Chicago 1  
Dallas 1, Colorado 1  
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3  
Phoenix 3, San Jose 1

### Jan. 21

Pittsburgh 0, Buffalo 0 (OT)  
NY Rangers 5, NY Islanders 0  
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 1  
Atlanta 8, St. Louis 4  
Nashville 3, Vancouver 2

### Jan. 22

Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 2  
Washington 5, Carolina 3  
Ottawa 2, Florida 1  
Dallas 4, Columbus 2  
Edmonton 4, Detroit 3 (OT)  
New Jersey 5, San Jose 4 (OT)

Anaheim 6, Los Angeles 5

### Thursday

Ottawa 3, Atlanta 3  
St. Louis 3, Chicago 3  
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1  
NY Rangers 4, Nashville 2  
Phoenix 7, Calgary 1  
Colorado 5, Columbus 0  
Minnesota 2, Los Angeles 1

### Friday

Buffalo 4, Toronto 0  
Carolina 3, Florida 1  
NY Islanders 3, Philadelphia 1  
Tampa Bay 4, Dallas 1  
Phoenix 5, Edmonton 1  
Detroit 5, Vancouver 2  
New Jersey 3, Anaheim 1

## NCAA Basketball

### Men

#### ESPN/USA Today Top 25

### Jan. 20

Miami 77, (8) UConn 76  
(7) Okla. 69, (25) Texas Tech 64  
(9) Creighton 95, Illinois St. 82  
**Jan. 21**  
(12) Notre Dame 71, Providence 65  
Mississippi 76, (13) Alabama 57  
(16) Indiana 69, Ohio State 51  
(17) Oklahoma 67, St. Baylor 64  
(20) Missouri 64, Iowa St. 59  
(24) Xavier 93, Duquesne 58

### Jan. 22

(1) Arizona 71, Arizona St. 63  
NC State 80, (3) Duke 71  
(5) Florida 87, Vanderbilt 75  
Colorado 60, (6) Kansas 59  
(10) Kentucky 67, Auburn 51

(11) Maryland 81, UNC 66  
(14) Louisville 71, DePaul 43  
(15) Illinois 75, Purdue 62  
(22) Georgia 81, Tennessee 76  
(23) Miss. St. 64, S. Carolina 48  
**Thursday**  
Evansville 74, (9) Creighton 66  
Virginia 85, (18) Wake Forest 75  
(21) Oregon 91, Washington 66

### Women

#### ESPN/USA Today Top 25

### Jan. 20

(1) Duke 78, (9) UNC 67  
(2) UConn 72, (23) Notre Dame 53

### Jan. 21

(15) Penn State 81, ODU 74

### Jan. 22

(16) Texas 69, (7) Texas Tech 58  
(25) Boston Coll. 72, Georgetown 60  
(22) Oklahoma 61, Kansas 49

### Thursday

(1) Duke 101, Maryland 52  
(6) LSU 94, Florida 54  
(4) Tennessee 97, (14) S. Caro. 78  
(11) Purdue 83, Iowa 64  
Michigan St. 74, (10) Minnesota 71  
(9) UNC 79, W. Michigan 76  
(24) Villanova 73, (15) Penn St. 66  
(17) Vanderbilt 76, (7) Arkansas 59  
(13) Miss. St. 69, Auburn 60  
(12) La. Tech 75, Tulsa 62  
Arizona St. 73, (19) Arizona 58  
(21) UCSB 70, UC Riverside 58  
(18) Wisc. Green 75, Bay Butler 36

### Friday

(5) Stanford 80, UCLA 78  
St. Louis 73, (20) DePaul 71

## Augusta proposal fails

Opponents of Augusta National's all-male membership claimed victory after the defeat of a proposal that would have hindered protests planned for the Masters.

County officials split 5-5 Jan. 21 on a plan to require demonstrators to give at least 30 days notice of their plans to picket.

## Surgery for Kears

Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse will have another operation on his left foot within the next two weeks.

The bone graft will give Kearse the best chance of playing without pain and without worry of reinjuring the foot.

## Ming to start over Shaq

Houston Rockets rookie Yao Ming will start for the Western Conference after defeating Shaquille O'Neal in final fan balloting totals released Thursday.

Yao will become the first rookie to start in the game since Grant Hill in 1995

## Serena Slam complete

Serena Williams survived an error-filled match to beat elder sister Venus 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4 Saturday to win the Australian Open for her fourth straight major championship.

Serena added another Grand Slam title to the French Open, U.S. Open and Wimbledon crowns she won last year, all against her sister.

## Rose's taxes probed

Pete Rose is in tax trouble again, and baseball's security department is investigating the career hits leader as he negotiates a possible end to his lifetime ban.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig's position on the talks — and Rose's eligibility for the Hall of Fame — could be affected by the tax revelations.

## Offer made for Dodgers

Former Madison Square Garden president David Checketts has made a \$650 million offer to buy the Los Angeles Dodgers, but the deal must include one of current owner News Corp.'s money-making cable channels.